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Group Art Unit	1713
Examiner Name	Lee, Rip A.
Attorney Docket Number	DN2001057-X01

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

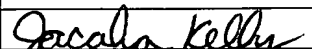
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 - i. ☒ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on March 1, 2004
 - ii. ☐ Other _____
 - b. ☒ Enclosed
 - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☒ Other Request for Extension of Time for Two (2) Months
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 - b. ☐ Other _____
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 - a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 07-1725.
 - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) in the amount of \$770.00
 - ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
 - b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
 - c. ☐ Payment by credit card (form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed April 2, 2004, Applicants respond as follows.